

# 50,000 TONS OF VESSELS OF THE U. S. MERCHANT MARINE

## Fact Disclosed in Sixth Annual Report of the Shipping Board—A Larger Number of Longshoremen Employed in Loading and Unloading—During the Year American Vessels Handled 4,313,913 Tons of Exports and 6,634,381 Tons of Imports—Reduction of \$1,043,075 in Salaries is Noted.

Washington, Dec. 6.—Growth of United States shipping in foreign trade, establishment of extensive passenger service in the North Atlantic, the Pacific and to South America, and establishment of the government's shipping service as a strictly business basis, are pointed out as the year's outstanding achievements in the sixth annual report of the Shipping Board.

Reviewing at length the functions of the board since its inception to carry forward the nation's shipping policy, the report shows that the shipping board's functions relate not only to the physical running of ships, but range over the entire field of a nation's maritime commerce. Labor, port facilities, and commerce are discussed in detail.

The board's report says, "The requirement of not only the shipping companies but also of the nation's shipping policy is to assist in planning the improvement and development of ports and transportation facilities in connection with water commerce."

During the last fiscal year, the report says, there were 3,412 arrivals and 3,412 departures of American vessels in foreign trade, aggregating 3,331,000 tons of cargo. Of this total 55 per cent, were handled by American vessels, the remainder being handled by foreign vessels. The report says that the total tonnage of American vessels in foreign trade was 1,498,112, deadweight tonnage, of which 1,498,112 was deadweight tonnage, and 1,498,112 was deadweight tonnage.

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# CABLED PARLPHS

## Ireland Now One of British Dominions

Simple Inaugural Ceremony Was Conducted Without Hostile Demonstrations.

Dublin, Dec. 6.—(By the A. P.)—Inauguration of the Irish Free State as one of the dominions of the British empire took place today. The ceremony was simple and unmarred by hostile demonstrations from the republican minority.

The oath was administered to Timothy Healy as governor-general by the lord chief justice at Mr. Healy's residence in the house and the senate of an amendment to the constitution.

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# Appointments For Governor's Staff

## Brigadier General Morris B. Payne of New London to be Quartermaster General.

Waterbury, Conn., Dec. 6.—Governor-elect C. A. Templeton tonight announced the appointments for the governor's staff for the coming year. With the exception of Brigadier-General (George M. Cole), all are new appointments.

Adjutant-General, Brigadier-General George M. Cole. Quartermaster-General, Brigadier-General Morris B. Payne, of New London. Surgeon-General, Colonel John S. Dye, of Waterbury.

Inspector-General, Colonel William E. Allen, of Waterbury. Judge-Advocate-General, Colonel Arthur F. Ellis, of Waterbury. Personal Staff: Major John M. Durrall, of Waterbury.

Alfred-camp, Major C. G. Hoerle, of Torrington. Major Clifford Hollister, of Waterbury. Major E. Manaweller, of Naugatuck.

Naval Aide, Lieutenant Commander Mark L. Sperry, Jr., of Waterbury. The combined offering is expected to aggregate approximately four hundred million dollars.

Money received through the sale of the securities together with estimated \$275,000,000 to come through December tax collections and an equal sum already available, will be used to retire that part of the debt which is called for redemption and two issues of certificates of indebtedness maturing December 15.

In addition to those two drafts on the treasury funds, the treasury must be prepared to meet about \$25,000,000 in war savings certificates maturing January first, either by loan or exchange into the new treasury savings certificates.

# ALL COMMERCIAL NATIONS FOR FREEDOM OF STRAITS

## At Near Eastern Conference the Russians Received a Set-Back in Their Plan for Exclusion of All But Turkish Warships—A Strong Plea for Freedom of the Straits Was Made by American Ambassador Child—Ismet Pasha Considers Entente Proposals Suitable Basis for Further Discussion.

Lausanne, Dec. 6.—(By the A. P.)—A strong American plea for freedom of the straits, with the right of warships to pass through the straits, was made today by the American ambassador, Mr. Child, at the Near Eastern conference.

The Russian plan for exclusion of all but Turkish warships from the straits received a set-back today when the American ambassador, Mr. Child, made his statement. The Russian plan was to exclude all but Turkish warships from the straits.

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